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## Timely Tidbits ...

### 2 Arrested in Shooting

The Romulus Police Department has arrested two suspects in connection with the March 12 fatal shooting of 27-year-old Detroit Cleophious Jerome Cooper at Nik's Bar and Grill, located at Meriman and Ecorse in Romulus. RPD Lieutenant John Leacher reports that the incident may have been robbery related.

"Early investigation suggests that the victim may have had a necklace stolen by one of the suspects," said Leacher. "The victim gave chase, and was shot in the parking lot. The necklace was recovered at the scene."

Police are still looking for others who may have been involved.

A \$5,000 reward has been posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible. For more information, call the RPD Detective Bureau at 734-942-6879.

### School District Saves Taxpayers \$1.4 Million

A recent move to refinance outstanding building and site bonds will save Romulus Community Schools taxpayers \$1,450,000.

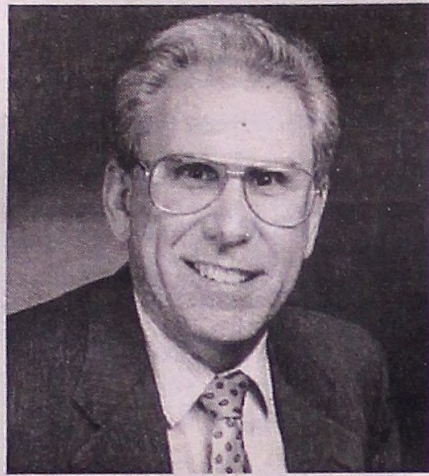
"The district has taken advantage of lower interest rates to achieve the same type of savings realized by area homeowners when they refinance their homes," explained Joel R. Carr, superintendent. "This action demonstrates that the school district is continually looking out for the interests of our taxpayers."

The move marked the sixth time that the district has refinanced its debt since 1993, when voters approved a \$34-million bond issue for major improvements including:

- the construction of a new elementary and a new swimming complex at the high school,
- the renovation of existing buildings and athletic facilities,
- the addition of science labs at each elementary, and
- major technology upgrades at all schools.

It brings taxpayers' total savings to nearly \$11.75 million. □

## District Urges Parents To Send Their Children To School, Even If Nation Goes To War With Iraq



Joel R. Carr

Romulus Community Schools officials are encouraging parents to send their children to school, even if hostilities break out between the United States/Coalition Forces and Iraq.

"We have in place both a comprehensive District Crisis Program as well as an extensive safety plan designed to work with the Emergency Preparedness Team from the City of Romulus," explained Joel R. Carr, superintendent of schools.

Carr further noted, "The district has worked carefully with Margaret Leduc, the Romulus Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, and hosted mock emer-

gency situations which included police, central office/school district building officials, city officials, and fire department representatives.

Superintendent Carr concluded his remarks by assuring district parents, "We consider the health and safety of Romulus children as our number-one priority, and we will do our very best to provide appropriate safety measures in any emergency situation."

Parents who have further questions about the district's emergency preparedness plans should contact the Romulus Community Schools administrative office at 734-532-1600. □

## Court Staff Participates In Diversity Seminar

The staff of the 34th District Court participated in an in-house cultural diversity seminar called "Building Bridges of Understanding" on the afternoon of Friday, February 14.

Walid Gammouh – psychotherapist, cross-cultural consultant, and social worker – gave a presentation on the culture and life of the Arab-American and Chaldean community in the metro Detroit area. Gammouh works out of the Southfield offices of the Arab-American and Chaldean Council (ACC), an agency that provides human services to Middle Eastern people as well as mainstream society.

"We are like a bridge between the two cultures, trying to make the two cultures understand each other so that they can appreciate each other," said Gammouh. "The agency has 35 outreach programs in the tri-county area, providing services in mental health, job training, and job placement."

Gammouh believes it is important to connect with people because connection is what diversity is all about.

"We're not here to buzz in and buzz out and teach about diversity," Gammouh stated. "Diversity is a process where we develop relationships and we begin to work with each other so that we can at least clap together to make a nice tune in the community."

Gammouh, born in Jordan, came to the United States in 1979 to study at Spring Arbor College, where he earned a degree in sociology. He then went back to Jordan, where his family still

resides, and served a mandatory two-year army stint as a military policeman.

"If I didn't serve, then I would be a runaway, and I couldn't even visit with my family later on in life," he explained. "So, I decided to go back and fulfill that service."

Gammouh returned to the United States in 1984 and entered Wayne State University to complete his master's degree in social work. He began working with the Arab-American and Chaldean Council in 1986, where he rose to the post of director of the mental health division during his 15 years of service there. For the past two years, he has

been employed as a social worker for the Oak Park school district.

Gammouh gave court employees an overview of Arab life and how we can each work to bridge cultural barriers. He provided facts about Islamic traditions that take into account the doctrines of Judaism and Christianity.

Gammouh said that his original plans were to receive his education and go back to his native country, to work with the people there, "but God's plans are different from ours, and I stayed here," he added.

"Islam means 'submission to the  
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Johanna O'Grady-Ward (right), administrator of the 34th District Court, thanked psychotherapist/cross-cultural consultant/social worker Walid Gammouh for his "Building Bridges of Understanding" seminar. (photo courtesy of the 34th District Court)



## Letters to the Editor

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### Kids' Art at Wendy's

To the Romulus community:

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Wendy's is a proud sponsor of Youth Arts Month in Romulus. Nancy O'Connor and I have designed, prepared, and hung local students' art in the dining rooms of the Middlebelt Road and Belleville Road restaurants. The artwork will be displayed throughout the month of March 2003.

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Sincerely,  
Carrie Smith  
Romulus Community Schools

### Basham Lauds Granholm

To the editor:

I would like to applaud Governor Jennifer Granholm for making education her top priority. Granholm's budget preserves the \$6,700 per-pupil state funding grant and keeps funding for at-risk programs. Too often, when cuts have to be made, the students who need more attention lose out because at-risk programs are an additional cost to the per-pupil funding. In the long run, however, cutting at-risk programs causes more problems for society and costs far more than funding the programs.

Thank you, Governor Granholm, for understanding that the best way to secure a long-term prosperous Michigan is by investing in our children and their education. Thank you, also, for showing that at-risk students, average students, and advantaged students are all equally important in this ONE Michigan.

Sincerely,  
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## Civic League Hosts Computer Class



(Back, from left) Willie Hester and Larry Dixon, instructors for the Romulus Civic League's recent "Basic Computer Learning Program," congratulated program graduates (front, from left) Ed Kesner, Martha O'Brien Kesner, Ella Mae Clark, and Sherry Hester, and urged them to go out and share what they have learned with others. (Not pictured: graduates Arnevia Coneal, Gloria Dougherty, Willie Hester Jr., and Fannie Jiles.)

## Librarian Hazen Celebrates Retirement



Among the many well-wishers who attended an open house celebrating the retirement of Diane Hazen (third from left), head librarian at the Romulus Public Library, were co-workers (from left) Shelley Delano, Michele Rinehart, Frances Zilka, Sarah Lenart, and Rebecca Jameson.

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## Health-occupations Students Capture 5 First-Place Awards



Romulus High School health-occupations teacher Terri Brinston (back, right) was proud of her students' performance at the regional Health Occupations Students of America competition. They included: (from left) front – Michelle Terry, Molly Tuttle, Cassie Caldwell, and Tierra Brooks; back – Brittney Jackson, Taritonye Burutolu, Marrika Wise, Marissa Wilson, Brenda Finley, and MiQue Spencer.

Terri Brinston, health-occupations teacher at Romulus High School, was pleased to announce that her students won five first-place awards at the regional HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) competition, held at Henry Ford Community College. RHS also attained three second-place medals and four third-place finishes.

According to Brinston, these students, as well as several additional finalists (top-five finishers), will be eligible for the state finals, to be held in Traverse City from March 20–22.

First-place winners included:

- Cassie Caldwell (pathophysiology knowledge),
- Brenda Finley (administrative medical assistant),
- Tiffany Smith (medical spelling and extemporaneous writing), and
- Michelle Terry (researched personal speaking).

Second-place awards went to:

- Shauntela Bell (rescue breathing/first aid),
- Brittney Clark (job-seeking skills), and
- Marissa Wilson (administrative medical assistant).

Third-place medals went to:

- Brenda Finley (prepared speaking),
- Angelitia Gray (nutrition knowledge),
- Nicole Martin (administrative medical assistant), and
- Molly Tuttle (human growth and development).

Other finalists (top-five finishers):

- Taritonye Burutolu (pathophysiology),
- Brittney Clark (pharmacology),
- Angelitia Gray (extemporaneous health poster),
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# School District's Community Committee Continues Its Work

The Romulus Community Schools' District/Community Committee has been working throughout the school year, according to chairperson Phyllis Adkins.

"The committee has studied a variety of items, including better ways to welcome parents of new enrollees, to provide training for parent coordinators, and to team parent coordinators with social workers, learning specialists, and resource teachers," she said.

Adkins pointed, with pride, to the committee's previous accomplishments, such as revamping the school/parent/child compact as well as gathering data

in order to advise school officials about parent preferences regarding after-school tutoring and activities. She also noted that the committee has a five-year plan for additional improvements.

For example: the group's January meeting focused on parent coordinators and ways that they can facilitate meetings with other parents who would like to come in for informal discussions about school matters. Also stressed was finding additional ways to involve parents in education-related activities like curriculum reviews, presentations, school-improvement initiatives, and social events.



Meeting to discuss strategies for continuing active parent involvement in the district were (from left) Phyllis Adkins, principal, Cory Elementary/ chairperson, Community Committee; Gretchen Notaro, learning specialist, Romulus Elementary; Marge Olson, learning specialist, Wick Elementary; Cheryl Brackney, learning specialist, Halecreek Elementary; Dee Raub, learning specialist, Merriman Elementary; and Ken Mientkiewicz, trustee, Romulus Community Schools Board of Education ...

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... (from left) Sharon Mitchell, parent coordinator, Merriman Elementary; Frank Rigger, program director, Boys & Girls Club of Romulus; Nadine Craig (and her son Braxton), parent coordinator, Romulus Elementary; Barbara Ann Snyder, parent coordinator, Barth Elementary; and Diane Golka, principal, Barth Elementary ...

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... (from left) Sally Berger, social worker, Cory Elementary; Wendy Blohm, learning specialist, Cory Elementary; Janice Barden and Reverend Rita Talley, co-parent coordinators, Cory Elementary; Deanna Houston, parent; and Glenn Hensley, parent coordinator, Romulus Middle School ...

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... and (from left) Mel Kimbrough, principal, Romulus Middle School; Niema White, trustee, Romulus Board of Education; Lisa James, parent; and Sandi Dotson, parent coordinator, Wick Elementary.



## RMS Teachers, Students Donate Their Hair to "Locks of Love"



Romulus Middle School staff members and students who donated hair to the "Locks of Love" organization included (from left) life-management teacher Betty Santo, student Heather Baval, reteacher Gay Warren, and math teacher Kathleen Hall, as well as (not pictured) social-studies teacher Cari Turkow and students Haleigh Baval, Taylor Cobb, Ashley Horyn, and Teela Carroll. Dave's & Company Barber Shop and Hair Salon, located on Goddard Road in downtown Romulus, helped the group donate their tresses, which will be used to make hairpieces for children who have lost their hair due to medical treatments. According to Santo, the hairpieces typically cost as much as \$3,000 each, with the major portion of the price due to the cost of hair.



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## Romulus Elementary Presents "Living Museum of African-American Heroes"



Among the several students who gave biographical sketches of famous African-Americans during Barth Elementary's recent "Living Museum" program were (front, from left) Geridan St. Peter (as Louis Armstrong), Michelle Rhodes (as Virginia Hamilton), DaRon Ford-Marks (as Michael Jordan), Ashley Meinicke (as Maya Angelou), Martel Smith (as Hank Aaron), Cherra Ross (as Bessie Coleman), and Richard Vaughn (as Stevie Wonder). Also pictured are organizing committee members (back, from left) Gail Thompkins, LaZonja Smith, and Roxanne Kucharski.

Romulus Elementary School students recently presented a program entitled "A Living Museum of African-American Heroes" in celebration of February's Black History Month. The program featured 15 students who dressed up as and gave biographical information about famous African-Americans.

The program was organized by the Romulus Elementary School Black History Committee, which included second-grade teacher Shawn Dickson, intervention-room specialist Gail Thompkins, media tech Roxanne

Kucharski, fifth-grade teacher Marjie McAnally, sixth-grade teacher Janel Hoskins, and reteacher LaZonja Smith.

Students who made presentations during the "Living Museum of African-American Heroes" program were: Britnee Bishop, Jonathan Carr, Brianna Courtland, DaRon Ford-Marks, Richard George, Jordan Harris, Chris Kreitner, Ashley Meinicke, Michelle Rhodes, Cassie Rice, Cherra Ross, Geridan St. Peter, Nigerra Simpson, Martel Smith, and Richard Vaughn. □



Additional presenters for the "Living Museum" program included (front, from left) Britnee Bishop (as Mae Jemison), Chris Kreitner (as Ben Carson), Nigerra Simpson (as Toni Morrison), Brianna Courtland (as Whoopi Goldberg), Jordan Harris (as Ralph Bunche), Jonathan Carr (as Jesse Jackson), Richard George (as Tiger Woods), and Cassie Rice (as Barbara Jordan).

## Barth's "What a Wonderful World" Program Was Inspiring



Barth kindergartners starring in "What a Wonderful World" included (from left) Madison Hoinka (as Diane Golka), Jeremy Hatfield (as Alan Lambert), Anastasia Helton (as Betsy Ross), Miranda Hicks (as Pocahontas), Jack VanAssche (as George Washington), Miranda Moffat (as Sacajawea), Zachary Kouba (as Abraham Lincoln), Deanna Hearod (as Susan B. Anthony), and Sierra Coleman (as Florence Nightingale).

Kindergartners and second-graders at Barth Elementary presented a cultural-diversity program to a packed house in the school gymnasium recently.

Principal Diane Golka was very complimentary of the performances given by Karen Richard's and Sylvia LaBoda's kindergarten students, each of whom recited brief biographies of famous people and characters. Golka was also impressed with the choral readings given by second-grade students from the classes of Beccy Montroy, Kathy Motyka, and Lauren Withey.

The program opened with greetings from Madison Hoinka, who portrayed Golka, and Jeremy Hatfield, who played Romulus mayor Alan R. Lambert. Additional special introductions were given by Anastasia Helton (Betsy Ross), Anthony Redmond (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.), Desiree Clemons, who introduced story-teller Reverend Ronald Arthur, and Matthew Eldridge (Louis Armstrong).

Following the program, teachers made the evening extra special by putting on a "warm-hug ceremony" (in which they gave each student a deluxe scarf), and refreshments were served courtesy of the Barth parent group.

Kindergartners, and the famous people/characters that they portrayed, included:

- Andrew Bagley (Henry Ford),
- Kaitlyn Bortz (Sally Ride),
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- Emily Burcroff (Diane Sawyer),
- Amir Butler (Rosa Parks),
- Jordyn Clark (Juliette Gordon),
- Lacey Cody (Anne Robinson),
- Sierra Coleman (Florence Nightingale),
- Daniel Crosby (Winnie the Pooh),

- Jessica Dunn (Karen Richard),
- Matthew Eldridge (Louis Armstrong),
- Evan Finegan (Alexander Graham Bell),
- Ebony Foley (Mae Jemison),
- Tanaya Fortune (Sarah Boone),
- Clare Freeman (Clara Barton),
- Alvin Gaines (Tiger Woods),
- Brenden Green (Joe Montana),
- Raven Halimon (Serena Williams),
- Jeremy Hatfield (Alan Lambert),
- Deanna Hearod (Susan B. Anthony),
- Anastasia Helton (Betsy Ross),
- Miranda Hicks (Pocahontas),
- Madison Hoinka (Diane Golka),
- Zachary Kouba (Abraham Lincoln),
- Elizabeth Krampitz (Mother Teresa),
- Adrian Maloy (Garrett Morgan),
- Antonio Mascorro (Thurgood Marshall),
- Shanelle McCoa (Oprah Winfrey),
- Kiara Meriweather (Helen Keller),
- Miranda Moffat (Sacajawea),
- Zachary Morris (Dr. Phil),
- Alexiah Mullins (Amelia Earhart),
- Alexis Paige (Sandra Day O'Connor),
- Adrian Pirone (Clifford),
- Kelsey Randall (Hillary Clinton),
- Paige Randall (Jacqueline Kennedy),
- Anthony Redmond (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.),
- Joseph Sands (Emeril Lagasse),
- Kyle Schalte (Dr. Seuss),
- Victoria Southers (Dorothy),
- LaVell Stewart (Thomas Stewart),
- Jayvin Street (Muhammed Ali),
- Sabrina Ulch (Sylvia LaBoda),
- Jack VanAssche (George Washington), and
- Brandon Wojciechowski (John Glenn). □



# Basketball Team Completes Successful Season



Members of the Romulus High School basketball team and their supporters: (from left) Jeffery Robinson, Ron Coleman, Linda Coleman, DeMarvelous Carter, Helen Jones, Marie Joseph, Karvens Paillere, Ron Buckley, Meghan Conway, Ron Buckley II, Board of Education secretary Cheryle Buckley, A.J. Hall, Lovenda Dixon, assistant coach Josh Baker, Dior Partee, Anré Partee, Darrin Nevels, head coach Nate Oats, Reggie Kirkland, Keaton Armstrong, Bridgette Armstrong-Warren, Cynthia Roberson, Tylon Pitts, Darryl Lewis, Bethany Stephenson, and Kyle Wasson. For story, please see page 9.

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

### 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

## REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 10, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, February 10, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting President Betty Lenossi.

Roll call showed members Lenossi, Niema White, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, Celeste Roscoe, Michael Woods, and Cheryle Buckley present. Excused: member April Frayer. All administrators were present.

Acting President Lenossi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**2/03/1** Moved by Woods supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

**2/03/2** Moved by Buckley supported by Roscoe to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Recognition Resolution

A resolution of special recognition was read and presented by the Board of Education to Ms. Diane Hazen for 38 years of service as outstanding librarian for the City of Romulus.

##### Guidelines for Audience Participation

Bob Lusk, attorney for Romulus Community Schools, reviewed guidelines for audience participation with the Board of Education.

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval:

**RESIGNATION:** Donna Phillips, Custodian, Cory Elementary School, changed from March 1, 2003 to January 16, 2003.

**2/03/3** Moved by Buckley supported by Roscoe to accept the resignation of personnel as submitted by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

**2/03/4** Moved by Buckley supported by White to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Presentation – Alicia Deltoro

Ms. Jeffery Royal, Ms. Alicia Deltoro, Ms. Mary Ann Bush, Ms. Amy Kapala, and Ms. Erika Daman presented an overview of goals and objects for the Special Education curriculum in the Romulus school district.

##### Robotics Field Trip

**2/03/5** Moved by Woods supported by Roscoe that the Board approve Romulus High School FIRST Robotics Team 326 to attend the Canadian Regional on March 27–29, 2003 in Toronto, Ontario at no cost to the Board of Education. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Surplus Equipment

**2/03/6** Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by White that the Board of Education declare surplus equipment as outlined in the memo of January 23, 2003 from Mr. David Cooper. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bond Refunding Resolution

**2/03/7** Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or his designee with counsel of Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc., to accept or reject the pricing of the 1993 refunding bonds. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Field Trip – Cedar Point

**2/03/8** Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Woods that the Board of Education approve the Romulus Elementary School field trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio for Saturday, May 31, 2003. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public

Ms. Sheri Hicks appeared before the Board of Education, expressing concern over the Romulus Board of Education possibly adopting "school of choice" in all schools in the district. (No change has been made by the Board of Education.)

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Thank You – Board of Education – Cathy Kudra; 2) Cory Elementary Newsletter; 3) The Merriman Star; 4) RHS Parent Newsletter; 5) Halecreek Elementary Newsletter; 6) Romulus Middle School Newsletter; 7) Romulus Elementary School Newsletter; and 8) Wick Elementary School Newsletter.

#### QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Michael Woods asked if Rudgate property could come back to the Romulus school district. Superintendent Carr explained that there were several areas where students reside in Romulus but are in Wayne/Westland and Woodhaven school districts. Mr. Ken Mientkiewicz stated that when the Cherry Hill school district merged with the Wayne/Westland district, the Cherry Hill district got to vote and the Wayne/Westland school board got to vote, but the people of Wayne/Westland did not get to vote.

Board members expressed a special thank-you to Ms. Cathy Kudra's kindergarten students for Valentines.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hensley for all the donations they solicited for the Middle School for incentives for perfect attendance during MEAP testing.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**2/03/9** Moved by Woods supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education convene into executive session. Roll call vote: Ayes: 6 (White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Lenossi, Buckley). Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:57 p.m.

The Board reconvened into regular session at 8:28 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

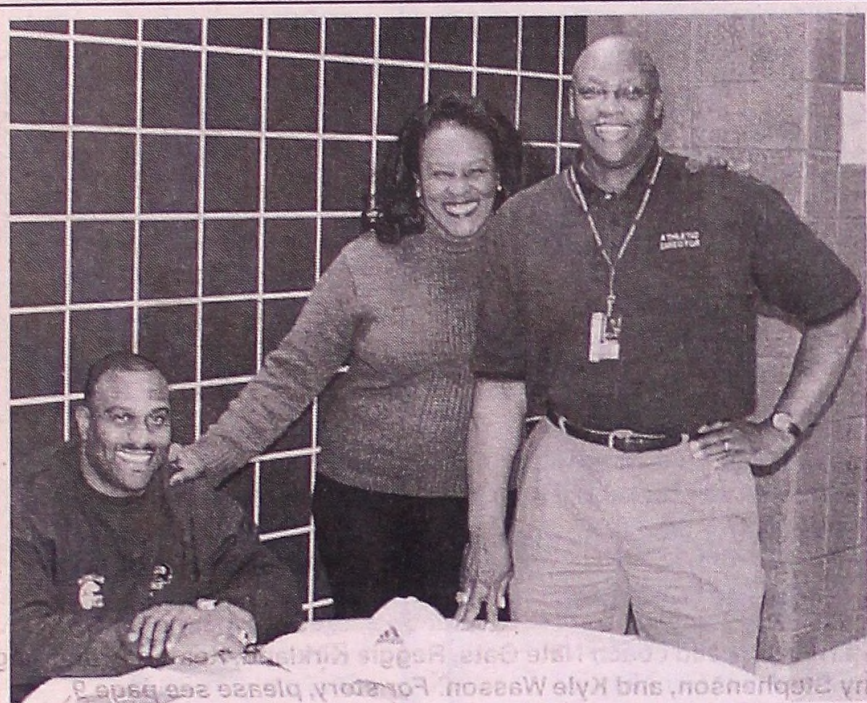
**2/03/10** Moved by Roscoe supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryle Buckley, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education



## Basketball Team Has Satisfying Season



Romulus Community Schools athletic director Jesse Meriweather (right), his wife Diane, and head football coach Wade Cook enjoyed hosting the district basketball tournament in the High School's 1,400-seat gymnasium.

Under first-year coach Nate Oats, the Romulus High School Eagles varsity basketball team has completed a very successful season, which climaxed with a nail-biting victory over Inkster to capture the Mega Red/White championship. Star Ron Coleman hit a turnaround/fade-away jump shot from 27 feet at the buzzer to clinch the 66-64 win.

The Eagles finished with an overall record of 16-6, including a state

district victory over Garden City (70-69) and a season-ending loss to Belleville (48-34) before a full house in the impressive Romulus High School gymnasium.

Coach Oats was pleased with his team's efforts throughout the season, noting, "The character and determination of our players was evident numerous times as they rose to the occasion and won critical close games." □



Dan Hurst (right), Romulus High School principal, and Al Wilkerson (center), current principal of Community High School and former RHS Eagles basketball coach, welcomed former RHS hoops star Terry Mills, who was on hand to cheer the 2002-2003 Eagles to their Mega Red/White championship. Mills - who led the Eagles to a Class "A" championship in 1986 - led the University of Michigan to an NCAA championship in 1989 and later starred for the Detroit Pistons.

## Parents Support RHS Cheerleaders



Romulus High School's spirited cheerleaders received the full support of their parents and other loved ones during the Eagles' last regular-season game against Monroe. The cheerleaders/supporters included: (from left) front - Jessica Shelton, Vanessa Malloy, Sara Cholette, Lysie Ransaw, Meghan Conway, Novella Haugabook, Della Hamby, Jenia Cooper, and Ebony Coleman; back - Phyllis Cholette, Pat Malloy, Anthony Cholette, Bethany Stephenson, Neddy Peña, Lauren Block, Lauren Romak, Board of Education's secretary Cheryle Buckley, Marilyn Wasson, Ronda Matheny, Antoinette Cooper, and Ruby Paisley.

## Volleyball Teams Enjoy Winning Seasons

Cindy Bondy and Amy Lusher, coaches of Romulus Middle School's seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball teams (respectively), are proud of the winning seasons and fine sportsman-

ship demonstrated by their players this year. Lusher was particularly impressed by the "good sportsmanship" trophy which was awarded to the teams at the recent Monroe Invitational.



The seventh-grade team: (from left) front - Chelsea Earby, Keara Miller, Miranda Gubaci, Tiara Grandison, and Danielle Milhem; back - Stacy Fabinski, Whitney Obayan, LaTiesa Burnett, Rebecca Lewkowicz, Shauna Pitman, and Chiara Snook.

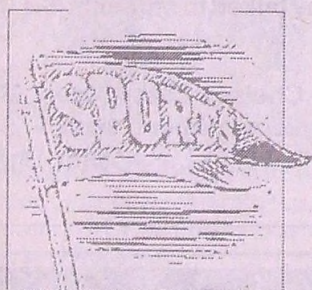
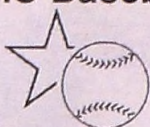


The eighth-grade team: (from left) front - Kendra Brooks, Melissa Brewington, Leslie Hayes, Monay Smith, Tajana Powers, and Megan Brooks; middle - Joy Jendritz, Ashley Rose, Antoinice Hearst, Jaclyn VanMeer, and Lauren Nierman; back - Courtney Turner, Jaclyn Evanski, Rochelle Mortzfield, Jennifer Dick, Jessica Dick, and Alyssa Long.



**RHS Lacrosse****VARSITY**

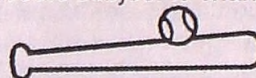
- Romulus at Lincoln (Tues., Mar. 18, 5 p.m.)
- Romulus at Rochester (Fri., Mar. 21, 5 p.m.)
- Canton at Romulus (Thurs., Mar. 27, 5 p.m.)
- Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 1, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lanse Creuse North (Wed., Apr. 2, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Holt (Thurs., Apr. 3, 5:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Hartland (Tues., Apr. 8, 6 p.m.)
- Lincoln at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 10, 7 p.m.)
- Romulus at Tecumseh (Tues., Apr. 15, 5 p.m.)
- Romulus at Utica Eisenhower (Wed., Apr. 16, 5:30 p.m.)
- Avondale at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 17, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Canton (Tues., Apr. 29, 6 p.m.)
- Tecumseh at Romulus (Thurs., May 1, 6 p.m.)
- Hartland and East Kentwood at Romulus (Sat., May 3, 11 a.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Tues., May 6, 6 p.m.)
- Romulus at Saline (Thurs., May 8, 6 p.m.)
- Northville and Holland Christian at Romulus (Sat. May 10, 11 a.m.)
- Romulus at Walled Lake (Tues., May 13, 6 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Baseball****VARSITY**

- Romulus at Crestwood (Wed., Apr. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Fri., Apr. 4, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (DH) (Sat., Apr. 5, 12 p.m.)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Mon., Apr. 7, 4 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Fri., Apr. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (DH) (Sat., Apr. 12, 12 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Apr. 14, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Apr. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Apr. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln at Romulus (Fri., May 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (DH) (Sat., May 3, 10 a.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Mon., May 5, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., May 7, 4 p.m.)
- Renaissance at Romulus (Thurs., May 8, 4 p.m.)
- Ann Arbor Huron at Romulus (DH) (Fri., May 9, 4 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Mon., May 12, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., May 14, 4 p.m.)
- Grosse Ile at Romulus (Thurs., May 15, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., May 19, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Wed., May 21, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Fri., May 21, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Wed., May 28, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Baseball****JUNIOR VARSITY**

- Crestwood at Romulus (Wed., April 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., Apr. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Fri., Apr. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (DH) (Sat., Apr. 12, 12 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 14, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Melvindale at Romulus (DH) (Sat., May 3, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., May 5, 4 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Wed., May 7, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Renaissance (Thurs., May 8, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Clinton Invitational (Sat., May 10, 10 a.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., May 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., May 14, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Grosse Ile (Thurs., May 15, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Mon., May 19, 4 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., May 21, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Wed., May 28, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Boys' Track****VARSITY**

- Romulus at Huron Relays (EMU/Bowen Field House) (Fri., Mar. 28, 12:30 p.m.)
- Woodhaven at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 3, 3:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Garden City at Romulus (Thurs., Apr. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Thurs., Apr. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at EMU Invitational (Sat., Apr. 19, TBA)
- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Thurs., May 1, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Tory Clark Invitational (Adrian) (Sat., May 3, TBA)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Tues., May 6, 3:30 p.m.)
- Trenton at Romulus (Thurs., May 8, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at News-Herald Invitational (Grosse Ile) (Sat., May 10, 9 a.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Tues., May 13, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***RHS Girls' Track****VARSITY**

- Romulus at Huron Relays (EMU/Bowen Field House) (Sat., Mar. 22, 9:30 a.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Thurs., Apr. 3, 3:30 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Thurs., Apr. 10, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Carlson (Tues., Apr. 15, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at EMU Invitational (Sat., Apr. 19, TBA)
- Redford Union at Romulus (Thurs., May 1, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at Tory Clark Invitational (Adrian) (Sat., May 3, TBA)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tues., May 6, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Thurs., May 8, 3:30 p.m.)
- Romulus at News-Herald Invitational (Grosse Ile) (Sat., May 10, 9 a.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Tues., May 13, 3:30 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change***CALL AHEAD FOR FASTER SERVICE**

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**RHS Soccer****VARSITY**

- Fordson at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln Park (Mon., Apr. 7, 7 p.m.)
- Kennedy at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 9, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Carlson at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Truman (Mon., May 5, TBA)
- Romulus at Fordson (Wed., May 7, 4 p.m.)
- Lincoln Park at Romulus (Fri., May 9, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Kennedy (Mon., May 12, TBA)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Fri., May 16, TBA)
- Romulus at Carlson (Mon., May 19, TBA)
- Truman at Romulus (Wed., May 21, 4 p.m.)

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## RHS Softball

### VARSITY

- Kennedy at Romulus (Fri., Apr. 4, 4 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (DH) (Sat., Apr. 5, 12 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 7, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., Apr. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Edsel Ford (Fri., Apr. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Taylor Invitational (Sat., Apr. 12, TBA)
- Fordson at Romulus (Mon., Apr. 14, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Crestwood at Romulus (Thurs., May 1, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Lincoln (Fri., May 2, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Mon., May 5, 4 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Wed., May 7, 4 p.m.)
- Annapolis at Romulus (Sat., May 10, 11 a.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., May 12, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., May 14, 4 p.m.)
- Highland Park at Romulus (Mon., May 19, 4 p.m.)
- Robichaud at Romulus (Wed., May 21, 4 p.m.)
- Truman at Romulus (Fri., May 23, 4 p.m.)

### JUNIOR VARSITY

- Romulus at Ypsilanti (Mon., Apr. 7, 4 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Wed., Apr. 9, 4 p.m.)
- Edsel Ford at Romulus (Fri., Apr. 11, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Mon., Apr. 14, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at River Rouge (Wed., Apr. 16, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Wed., Apr. 30, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Crestwood (Thurs., May 1, 4 p.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Mon., May 5, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Wed., May 7, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Annapolis (Sat., May 10, 11 a.m.)
- Fordson at Romulus (Mon., May 12, 4 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Wed., May 14, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Highland Park (Mon., May 19, 4 p.m.)
- Romulus at Fordson (Wed., May 21, 4 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change*

## RMS Track

- Romulus at Pierce (Wed., Apr. 30, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ypsilanti East at Romulus (Mon., May 5, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Belleville North (Wed., May 7, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Allen Park (Mon., May 12, 3:45 p.m.)
- Wyandotte at Romulus (Wed., May 14, 3:45 p.m.)
- Belleville South at Romulus (Mon., May 19, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Monroe (Wed., May 21, 3:45 p.m.)

*Schedule subject to change*

## RMS Baseball

- Romulus at Best (Thurs., Apr. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Willow Run at Romulus (Tues., Apr. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Riverside (Tues., Apr. 29, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ecorse at Romulus (Thurs., May 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Tues., May 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Thurs., May 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Tues., May 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Thurs., May 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Best at Romulus (Thurs., May 22, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Willow Run (Tues., May 27, 3:45 p.m.)

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## RMS Softball

- Romulus at Best (Thurs., Apr. 10, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Inkster (Tues., Apr. 15, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Riverside (Tues., Apr. 29, 3:45 p.m.)
- Ecorse at Romulus (Thurs., May 1, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Melvindale (Tues., May 6, 3:45 p.m.)
- Inkster at Romulus (Thurs., May 8, 3:45 p.m.)
- Romulus at Robichaud (Tues., May 13, 3:45 p.m.)
- River Rouge at Romulus (Thurs., May 15, 3:45 p.m.)
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- Best at Romulus (Thurs., May 22, 3:45 p.m.)

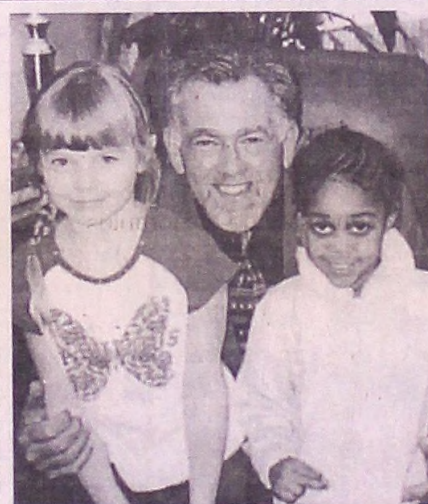
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**Batter Up!**

# A Lesson on Leaders



As part of a unit on the jobs and responsibilities of leaders, kindergarten students at Halecreek Elementary – including (from left) Craig Smith, Leah Barnes, Measha Diebel, Samuel Bonas, Marissa Pytel, and Shelby Mitchell – visited Romulus City Hall to meet with some of our local leaders.



Mayor Alan R. Lambert told the youngsters – including Shelby Mitchell (left) and Mikayla Washington – that he wants Romulus to be a good place for people to live, work, and go to school.



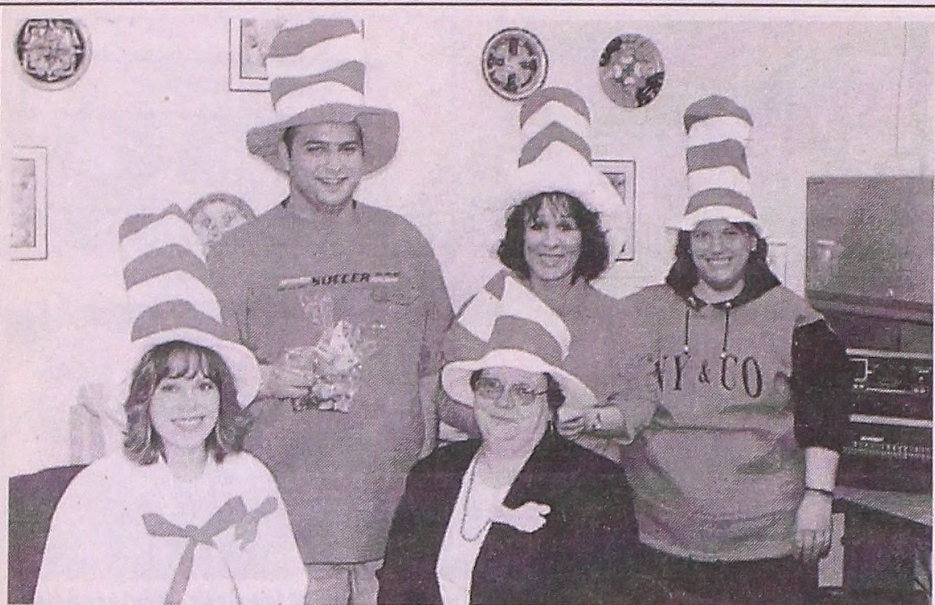
Public Safety Director Charles Kirby talked to students like (from left) Kara Gaddis, Chelsea Gaddis, and Lennon Paul about keeping everyone safe and helping people who are in trouble.



Later, Mayor Lambert introduced the students – including (from left) Measha Diebel, Dakota Tarczynski, Leah Barnes, and Ashton Whorton – to the City's various department heads, who explained how they do their part to help the people of Romulus.



## Halecreek Celebrates Reading Month on Dr. Seuss's Birthday



Halecreek staff members – attired in red-and-white striped hats like the one worn by *The Cat in the Hat* – read aloud to students as part of the school's annual celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and National Reading Month. Readers included: (from left) front – Stacy Paige and Valerie Flournoy; back – Jason Salhaney, Lisa Staten, and Wendy Dibeo.



Halecreek kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra (left) and her students – including (from left) Lennon Paul, Sydney Pree, Kara Gaddis, and Robert Lands – were among those who took part in the Dr. Seuss/March Reading Month celebration. The students – wearing replicas of the famous cat-hat – shared goodies with their guest readers.

## Court Participates in Culture Seminar

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will of God," said Gammouh. "A Muslim is one who has submitted to God and acknowledges Muhammad as prophet."

Among the Islamic prohibitions are consumption of alcohol, consumption of pork products, gambling, and adultery. Divorce is allowed in Islam, but is, according to Gammouh, "the most loathsome to God of all the permissible acts of man."

Jerry Rohn, telephone operator and six-year court employee, said he found Gammouh's presentation "informative."

"I found Mr. Gammouh to be very interesting, but unfortunately there was not enough time for more interaction

with him," said Rohn. "It prompted me to check out his organization's Website."

JoAnn Brown, supervisor of the criminal traffic division, said it is important to remember that the staff deals with cultural diversity on a daily basis, either via the telephone or by direct personal contact.

"It was a pleasure to have a speaker here to give our staff the opportunity to see why diversity is important and to help build a bridge of understanding through sensitivity training," Brown said.

Literature distributed during the presentation included useful Arabic phrases that help bridge the language and cultural gap. □

## Community Calendar

- **HUGE Rummage Sale** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will hold a rummage sale at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road, Romulus) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, and Sunday, March 30. All are welcome!
- **Used-book Sale Benefits Library** – The Friends of the Romulus Public Library will host a used-book sale at the library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) Monday–Wednesday, April 7–9, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and again on Saturday, April 12, from 12 to 5 p.m. The large selection of donated books includes both fiction and nonfiction, and features a variety of books on crafts, cooking, and gardening. During the first three days of the sale, hardback books will be available for \$1 each, paperbacks for \$.50 each, and children's books for \$.25 each. On Saturday – "Bag Day" – shoppers can fill a grocery bag for just \$1.50. For more information, call 734-942-7589.
- **St. Aloysius School's Lenten Fish Fries** – The Parents' Club at St. Aloysius Catholic School is hosting its sixth annual Lenten Fish Fry series at the school (located at 37200 Neville Road, behind the church) from 4:30 to 7 p.m. (or until sold out) each Friday through April 11. The menu will include fish or shrimp, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and a beverage. Cost is \$7 for ages 10 and up (\$6 for senior citizens), and \$3 for kids.
- **St. Paul's Hosts Special Services** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Craig and Ellis streets in New Boston, invites the public to attend the following special services: **Lenten Midweek** (Wednesdays, through April 9, at 7 p.m.), **Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion** (April 17 at 7 p.m.), **Good Friday** (April 18 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.), **Easter Sunrise with Holy Communion** (April 20 at 6:30 a.m.), and **Easter Morning Festival with Holy Communion** (April 20 at 10 a.m.).
- **Church Celebrates 125th Anniversary** – As part of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church's 125th anniversary celebration, the church is inviting the public to attend a special program on Sunday, May 4. A 9:30 a.m. presentation by guest speaker C. William Hoesman, Michigan District president, will be followed by a 1 p.m. dinner at the Woodlands of Van Buren banquet facility. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, April 5. For more information, call 734-753-9048 or e-mail [StPauls@1878.ameritech.net](mailto:StPauls@1878.ameritech.net).
- **Boys & Girls Club Seeks New Members** – The Boys & Girls Club of Romulus, with sites at Merriman and Wick elementary schools, is hosting "new member" orientations every Monday at 7 p.m. (Orientations *must* be attended by both child and parent.) The club is open to children ages 6 to 18, and features after-school programs that run until 8:30 p.m. each weekday. Membership/renewal in the club is just \$30 per child per year, or \$20 per child for the club's summer program, which will run weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning in mid June and continuing through mid August. A limited number of openings for the summer YEA (Youth Enrichment Activities) program, which will meet weekdays from 7:30 to 10 a.m., will also be available for \$100 per child. For more information, call 734-941-5839.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The African American Experience Book Discussion Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting: April 16) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road). New members are always welcome. For more information about the club or its reading list, call 734-942-7589.
- **Open Swimming** – Open swimming continues to be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) according to the following schedule: **Adults Only** (Mondays from 6 to 7 a.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.; and Wednesdays from 6 to 7 a.m.), **Seniors (age 60+) Only** (Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), **Teens (ages 13–17) Only** (Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), **All Ages** (Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.), and **Family Swimming** (Fridays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.). To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education Office, located at 39000 Superior. Children under the age of 13 *must* be accompanied by an adult. Proper swimming attire required. Cost for residents is \$3 per session (\$2 for senior citizens) or \$60 for an all-year pass (\$40 for senior citizens). Family passes – a real bargain! – are available to Romulus residents for just \$100 per year. For more information, please call 734-532-1956.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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# Recreation Programs

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

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Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Romulus Recreation Department will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at Elmer Johnson Park, located on Ozga Road south of Wick. The festivities will begin promptly at noon, and will continue, rain or shine.

Romulus youngsters up to age 10 are invited to take part in this free event, which will feature egg-hunting in four age groups (ages 3 and under, 4 to 5, 6 to 7, and 8 to 10), special prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny, as well as a child/Easter Bunny "photo op" (\$2 per picture). All egg-hunters should bring their own basket or bag to carry the eggs they collect.

For more information, please call the Recreation Center.

## Tumblebunnies

Learning new skills is heavily emphasized in this course, which includes instruction on apparatus such as trampolines, beams, bars, etc. Classes will be held at the Recreation Center each Tuesday from April 29 through June 10 according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 to 4: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
- ages 5 to 7: 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 to 15: 7:30 to 8:15 p.m.

Cost for the session is \$60. Preregister by Monday, April 28.

## Pee-Wee Tennis

Boys and girls in grades kindergarten through three are invited to take part in the Recreation Department's after-school pee-wee tennis "rallyball" program, which will introduce students to the basics of tennis and working in a team environment. Classes will be held at the Middle School from 4 to 6 p.m. each Thursday from May 1 to May 29.

The \$30 program cost includes a T-shirt and transportation from the school your child attends to the Middle School. Parents must pick up their children after class. Preregister no later than Wednesday, April 30.

## Youth/Adult Tennis

Students involved in the Recreation Department's summer tennis program will be introduced to the basics of tennis and how to work in a team environment. Classes will be held at Romulus High School between June 30 and August 7 according to the following schedule:

- grades K-3: Mondays/Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- grades 4-6: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- middle school/high school: Mondays/Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- adults: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

A T-shirt is included in the program's \$40 cost. Preregister by Friday, June 27.

## Clogging

Ages 7 and up are welcome to participate in the Recreation Department's next clogging program, which will run from March 31 through June 10. Classes will be held on Mondays at the Recreation Center according to the following schedule:

- beginning: 6 to 7 p.m.
- intermediate: 7 to 8 p.m.
- advanced: 8 to 9 p.m.

The cost of the program is \$25. Preregister by Friday, March 28.

## Kickboxing

An explosive, challenging kickboxing program that utilizes martial arts and boxing techniques, along with roping and plyometric movements, is being offered by the Recreation Department. Classes, open to ages 16 and up, will meet at Romulus High School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from April 1 through May 29.

The cost of the program is \$40 for one day/week, \$63 for two days/week, or \$7 per walk-in class. Preregister by Monday, March 31.

## Tae Kwon Do

The Recreation Department's tae kwon do program can help participants learn values such as self-discipline, self-respect, and respect for others as they acquire self-defense skills and strengthen their minds and bodies. The twice-weekly classes will be held at Romulus High School every Tuesday and Thursday from May 27 through July 17 according to the following schedule:

- ages 4 to 7: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 to adult: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost of the program is \$45 for one student, \$75 for two immediate-family members, or \$90 for three immediate-family members. Preregister by Friday, May 23.



Two students in the Romulus Recreation Center's "tae kwon do" program did exceptionally well at the "Battle of Detroit, 2003" tournament, held at Taylor's Truman High School on February 8. Eight-year-old Kaelyn Richard (left) took first place in sparring (which consists of two competitors, dressed in protective gear, trying to score points off each other with kicking and punching techniques) and second place in forms (which involves individual competitors performing a preset sequence of kicks and hand techniques, similar to the floor exercise in gymnastics). Another eight-year-old, Derrick Yandura, took first place in sparring and third place in forms. Instructor Paul Antolin's next class will begin on May 27.

## Safety/Self-defense

Increase confidence and coordination while learning tips for being more aware of your surroundings through the Recreation Department's safety awareness/self-defense program, which also features a "stranger danger" segment for youngsters. Classes will meet at the Recreation Center each Tuesday from April 1 through May 13 according to the following schedule:

- ages 3 to 7: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- ages 7 to adult: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The cost of the program is \$35 for one student or \$60 for two immediate-family members. Preregister by Monday, March 31.

## Men's Sunday Softball

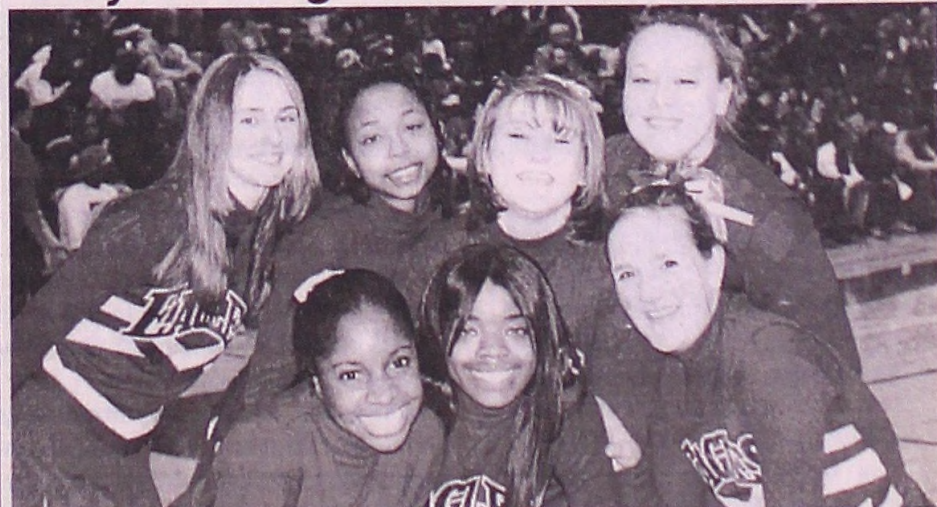
Registrations are now being accepted for the men's Sunday softball league, which will play its games at Elmer Johnson Park from May 18 through August 10. Cost is \$500 per team.

Call the Recreation Center for more information.

## Dance Recital

Dance students, ages 3 to 12, will show off the skills they've acquired in the past year during a dance recital to be held at the High School on Wednesday, May 7th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$2 at the door. □

## Playoff Brings Out Cheerleaders' Best



Giving their all before the packed house attending Romulus High School's playoff loss to Belleville on March 5 were the RHS cheerleaders: (from left) front – Jenia Cooper, Ebony Coleman, and Tiffiney Ramsay; back – Jessica Shelton, Lysie Ransaw, Vanessa Malloy, and Sara Cholette.



## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 734-942-6852.)

### Free Tax Preparation

Now through April 9, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons will be available at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 12:30 to 3 p.m. (by appointment only) to assist low-income Romulus seniors (age 60 and older) with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040 forms, as well as forms for homestead property tax credits, home-heating credits, and prescription credits.

A list of materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call or stop in at the Center.

### Hospice Donations

The Romulus Senior Center was pleased to announce that February's luncheon raised a total of \$316 for hospice programs. Individual donations can be made by sending your check (payable to Hospice) to Hospice of Michigan, 9333 Telegraph Road, Suite 200, Taylor, MI 48180.

### Center Accepting Donations for New Animal Shelter

Thanks to a suggestion by animal-lover Dorothy Federspiel, the Romulus Senior Center has set up a collection jar for donations to the Animal Shelter building fund established by City Councilman Bill Wadsworth and his council colleagues. Remember: Every little bit helps!

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Windsor Racetrack Slots** (April 25; \$5);
- **Little River/Soaring Eagle** (April 30; \$105);
- **Holland at Tulip Time** (May 6; \$69);
- **Windsor Racetrack Slots** (May 6; \$5);
- **Greek Town Casino** (May 18; \$12);
- **Kalloway's** (June 4; \$54); and
- **Titanic (exhibit, lmax, lunch, more)** (August 21; \$63).

Note: Deposits – due at the time of sign-up – reserve your seat. For day trips, full payment is due at least two weeks before departure. For overnight trips, full payment is due a minimum of 30 days before departure.

### Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, April 21, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### Walk for Fun and Exercise

For safe, indoor walking at your own pace, ride the Romulus Senior Center's van to the Wayne County Community College campus on Haggerty Road on the following dates: Monday, March 24; Wednesday, March 26; and Friday, March 28. (For April dates, call the Center.) All departure times are 3 p.m.

Note: The Romulus Senior Center strongly recommends that seniors consult a physician before beginning any new exercise program.

### Liquid Nutrition, Commodities, and Focus Hope

The Romulus Senior Center's distribution dates for Commodities/Focus Hope and Liquid Nutrition are the third Thursday of the month and the second Wednesday of the month, respectively. To find out if you qualify, call the Center.

### Open Swimming for Senior Citizens

Open swimming for Romulus senior citizens age 60 and over (proof of age/residence required) will be held at Romulus High School's new swimming complex each Tuesday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is just \$2 per session or \$40 for an all-year pass.

To participate, all swimmers must preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education office, located at 39000 Superior. For more information, call 734-532-1956. □

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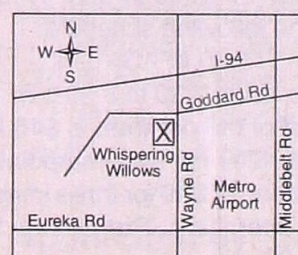
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# Obituaries

## Vincenza "Zina" DeVita

Vincenza "Zina" DeVita of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at the age of 76.

Born in Sicily, Italy, on Wednesday, December 22, 1926, Zina moved to the United States in 1955. The former employee of Ozga Greenhouse also worked as a seamstress and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, flowers, music, vacationing in Florida, and spending time with her family. She will be fondly remembered by those who loved her as "the best mom and grandmother in the world."

Zina is survived by her husband, Mariano DeVita; a son, Bart (Diane) DeVita (Romulus); 2 daughters, Maria

(Russell) Lambert (Romulus) and Josephine (Larry) Farrugia (Sumpter Township, MI); a sister, Bennedetta (Michele) Sorrentino (Shelby Township, MI); and 6 grandchildren.

Among those predeceasing her were her parents, Benedetto and Guiseppe (Arini) Pulizzi, and 5 brothers, Michael, Vincent, Anthony, Andrew, and Rocco Pulizzi.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 8, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Father Alexander J. Wyrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

## Melvin John Poet

Melvin John Poet of Johannesburg, Michigan, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2003, at the age of 75.

Melvin – born in New Boston, Michigan, on Monday, July 4, 1927 – enjoyed hunting, fishing, and waxing his boat.

Among Melvin's survivors are his wife, Marion J. (Putman) Poet, whom he married on March 5, 1930; a son, Steve John Poet (Wayne, MI); a daughter, Marie R. (Tim) Fitzhugh (Romulus, MI); 2 sisters, Herriet Blair (Chicago, IL) and

Shirley Welt (Belleville, MI); 6 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Predeceasing him were 2 sons, William and Phillip Poet; 2 brothers, Andrew and Donald Poet; and a sister, Marguerite Poet.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, March 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Tyler Memorial Cemetery (Belleville).

## Adelore J. "Ed" Taylor

Adelore J. "Ed" Taylor of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2003. He was 97 years old.

Ed – born in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on Monday, June 5, 1905 – retired from the Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant (Livonia, MI) after 44 years of service. The former high-school football player enjoyed traveling and shopping with his wife, tinkering, and cards.

Surviving Ed are 2 sons, Donald (Margaret) Taylor (Romulus) and Raymond Taylor (Irish Hills, MI); a daughter,

Madeline (Murray) McLane (CA); a brother, Myron Wilson; a sister, Vivian Vaughn; 8 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 6 great-great-grandkids.

Among those predeceasing him were his wife, Florence (Osier) Taylor; 2 brothers, Charles Taylor and Bud Wilson; and a sister, Viola Schroder.

A funeral mass was held Monday, March 10, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens (Novi, MI).

## James C. Thompson

James C. Thompson of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2003. He was 83 years old.

James was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on Sunday, August 18, 1919. The World War II Army Air Corps veteran worked at Purelator Manufacturing, Inc., for 34 years before retiring in 1978.

Surviving James are his wife, Norma J. (Thompson) Thompson; 3 sons, Jerry L. (Belleville, MI), Larry O. (Hillsdale, MI), and Kirk P. Thompson (Romulus); 2 sisters, Mrs. Mary Ida Robbins (Stanford, KY) and Mrs. Katherine Voils (Russell

Springs, KY); 5 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

His parents, Charles K. and Lottie (Young) Thompson, predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Friday, March 14, at Community United Methodist Church (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Memorial tributes may be made to Community United Methodist Church of Romulus. □

## Mary Margaret King

Mary Margaret King of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2003. She was 71 years old.

Born on Thursday, September 10, 1931, the native of Detroit, Michigan, was a former Romulus Community Schools bus driver and statistician for Burroughs. For many years, she was actively involved with Cory Elementary School, and gave generously of her time as a leader of both the Girl Scouts (1972 to 1981) and the Boys Scouts (1978 to 1980).

Mary served on the Romulus Board of Education for 12 years, and was also a member of the Wayne County Association of School Boards from 1984 to 1992. She was the first certified board member for the state.

Mary's survivors include her husband, Charles "Al" King, whom she married in 1954; 4 children, Albert King (Belleville, MI), Leah Trevorow (Romulus), Lori King (Rockwood, MI), and Mary (Tim) Slone (Brownstown Township, MI); 2 brothers, Dennis Griffin and Richard Griffin (both of Westland, MI); and 4 grandchildren, Cali Trevorow, Jeremy Trevorow, Christopher King, and Shelby Slone.

Among those predeceasing her was her brother, Patrick Griffin.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, March 12, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

## The Stork Arrived

### Max Edward Kain

Proudly announcing the birth of their first child, Max Edward Kain, are Rick and Jodie Kain of Romulus, Michigan.

Max was born in University of Michigan Hospital (Ann Arbor) at 11:36 a.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2003, weighing in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 20 inches in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Gerry and Nancy Kain (Romulus), and his maternal grandparents, Alfred and Brenda Kelly (Lambertville, MI). □



Max Edward Kain

## Soon To Be Wed

### Bill Garland and Carey Brazynetz

Mrs. Brenda Brazynetz proudly announces the engagement of her daughter, Ms. Carey Marie Brazynetz, to Mr. William McNeil Garland, the son of Irene Garland.

The couple, friends of ten years, are both graduates of Romulus High School.

Bill and Carey became engaged during the summer of 2002, and are planning a June 2003 wedding.



Bill and Carey



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